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In thirteen years, under the UK program alone, about 10,000 scholars and students have been exchanged. The process by which they were selected has assured a high standard of excellence. As these men and women return to their respective homes, upon the conclusion of their studies or instruction, they will, as the years go by, be more stimulating and sympathetic interpreters of the spirit and atmosphere, political, social, economic, and otherwise, prevailing in our two countries, than all other public relations media combined.

It is an interesting coincidence, that--as I am speaking--this year's group of American Fulbright scholars, numbering 241, has just left the SS United States at Southampton, and will, in a few minutes be boarding the train for London.

The Commission, under which the Fulbright program functions in the UK, is bi-national, with 7 British and 7 American members, who devote much time and thought to their unpaid activities. There have been differences in viewpoint and opinion expressed by members of the Commission, but there has never been a division along national lines.

It might interest you to know that since 1960, including the UK, 115 Arkansas Fulbrighters have gone abroad, and about 100 foreign Fulbrighters to Arkansas. Moreover, there are 24 living Rhodes scholars, of whom Senator Fulbright is one, from Arkansas, and 8 deceased.

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Rivington Winant, one of former Ambassador Winant's two sons, came to see me this morning about the portrait of his father I [redacted] requested his family to make available to the Embassy. They are now ready to do so.

Joseph Frank, of the Ford Motor Company of Detroit, a particularly well informed individual, came to see me. Afterwards, Bob Elson brought in Henry Grunwald, Foreign Editor of TIME, with whom I had further Common Market discussions.

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I lunched at the house with De Myers. Afterwards, we went to Herringham Hall, Bedford College, in Regents Park, to welcome the new lot of Fulbright scholars. I had prepared a text as a basis for remarks, as follows, but as usual departed from it. De spoke, as did Dr. Moomaw, and Mr. L. C. Glass, Minister in the Foreign Office. Glass [redacted] lived opposite us in Washington, where he was stationed for four years. He extended a witty welcome to the Fulbrighters.

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